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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Project [REDACTED]

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1. Reference your memoranda, same subject, dated 16 and 19 January, Foreign Documents Branch is at present believed to be capable of starting on the requirements for Project [REDACTED] as specified by the Assistant Director, ORE, in his memorandum of 14 January. The continuing and future adequacy of Foreign Documents Branch to fulfill the commitment of preparing a complete bibliography of Soviet periodicals of intelligence value depends on factors which are difficult to assess accurately. Insofar as such factors as workload, availability of personnel, and the priority situation are predictable, however, Foreign Documents Branch should be able to undertake this additional responsibility on a continuing basis.

2. Reference Paragraph 1c of your memorandum of 19 January, Foreign Documents Branch is currently unable to undertake the exploitation of all the uncatalogued and unshelved Soviet publications now on hand in the Library of Congress, since it is believed that this material represents the accumulation of approximately four years. The ORE requirements for Project [REDACTED] refer specifically to "current Soviet periodicals".

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3. Implementation of Project [REDACTED] has been discussed with representatives of the Assistant Directors of Reports and Estimates and Collection and Dissemination. Requirements Branch, OCD, believes that the project can be assigned a high enough priority to allow Foreign Documents Branch to keep up to date with the material.

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